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Once consumers understand that their financial transactions are vulnerable to snooping BY DESIGN, they will not care that only law enforcement is "supposed" to have the capability. They will realize that if the capability exists, it can be leveraged by the bad guys as well. Consumers have already seen their email addresses and private documents exposed by malicious software. The estimate of "trojaned" computers, under the control of malevolent parties, on the Internet is in the millions. As peoples' awareness of this issue increases, they will stop using electronic commerce and Internet financial services effectively eliminating the impact of the Internet on the economy.

It is a simple fact that no digital encryption technology exists today that cannot be cracked given enough CPU power and time. Violating security standards and principles by mandating a "back door" will ensure that all Internet communications WILL be exposed to anyone who wants it, most likely in a very short time. It will be cracked because the bad guys know that once they do so, they own the "keys to the kingdom."

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I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter. As I noted in the opening, I am in the business of network security. If you would like additional references to supplement your research into this matter, I would be happy to recommend some.

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